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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19, 21, 23-26, 28 and 31-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-19, 33 and 34 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 21, 23-26, 28, 31, 32, 35 and 36 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on January 30, 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Applicant should delete the double recitation "of one of the pair" found in lines 18-19 of claim 23.

Applicant shall amend the Brief Description of the Drawings to include the following: a brief description for each of Figs. 5A and 5B; a brief description for each of Figs. 20A, 20B and 20C; a brief description for each of Figs. 21A, 21B and 21C; a brief description for each of Figs. 24A and 24B; a brief description for each of Figs. 25A, 25B and 25C; a brief description for each of Figs. 27A and 27B; a brief description for each of Figs. 28A-1, 28A-2 and 28B; a brief description for each of Figs. 29A-1, 29A-2 and 29B.

Applicant shall amend the Brief Description of the Drawings to include the following: a clarification of which Figure 2 is being referenced in pp 0019; a clarification of which Figure 2 is being referenced in pp 0020; a clarification of which Figure 20 and 21 is being referenced in pp 0023; a clarification of which Figure 24 is being referenced in pp 0027; a clarification of which Figure 25 is being referenced in pp 0028; a clarification of which Figure 27 is being referenced in pp 0030; a clarification of which Figure 27 is being referenced in pp 0032; a clarification of which Figure 27 is being referenced in pp 0031.

Further, Applicant should amend the specification to include reference to each of the separate Figures illustrated in the drawing sheets.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Safavi whose telephone number is (571) 272-7046. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur., 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Engle can be reached on (571) 272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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